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"LISA VS. MALIBU STACY"

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MARGEJULIE KAVNER
BARTNANCY CARTWRIGHT
LISAYEARDLEY SMITH
DR. HIBBERTHARRY SHEARER
GRAMPADAN CASTELLANETA
JASPERHARRY SHEARER
OLD LADIESPAM/MAGGIE/YEARDLEY
MARTINPAMELA HAYDEN
ONLOOKERSALL
GIRL #1PAMELA HAYDEN
GIRL #2MAGGIE ROSWELL
GIRLNANCY CARTWRIGHT
STOCKBOYHARRY SHEARER
HIP OLD MANHANK AZARIA
BUZZ ANNOUNCER
MALIBU STACYPAMELA HAYDEN
MALIBU STACY #2PAMELA HAYDEN
GOOFY GIRLMAGGIE ROSWELL
GOOFY GIRL'S STACYHANK AZARIA
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CLAIRE HARPERMAGGIE ROSWELL
UGLY MANHANK AZARIA
LEROYDAN CASTELLANETA
MILHOUSE
EDDIEHARRY SHEARER
ANNOUNCERHANK AZARIA
SMITHERSHARRY SHEARER
EXECUTIVEHANK AZARIA
ANGRY CUSTOMERHARRY SHEARER
BURNSHARRY SHEARER
PYNCHONHANK AZARIA
SALINGERDAN CASTELLANETA
RUSHDIEHARRY SHEARER
YOUNG MANDAN CASTELLANETA
OLD WOMAN/STACY LOVELLPAMELA HAYDEN
SULLEN EMPLOYEEHARRY SHEARER
G.I. JOEHANK AZARIA
KRUSTYDAN CASTELLANETA
TECHNICIAN
DOLLYEARDLEY SMITH
NELSON'S ENTIRE FAMILYALL
MANAGERDAN CASTELLANETA
GRIM C.E.OHARRY SHEARER
SENATORHANK AZARIA
BROCKMAN'S DAUGHTERNANCY CARTWRIGHT

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EXECUTIVESHANK/DAN/HARRY
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ACT ONE

FADE IN:

EXT. CENTER FOR GERIATRIC MEDICINE - DAY

A banner says: "Grand Opening! Meet TV's Matlock!"
PULL BACK TO REVEAL a mob of very excited OLD PEOPLE
milling about a makeshift stage in front of the building.
GRAMPA and JASPER are at the rear of the crowd.

DR. HIBBERT

(INTO MICROPHONE) Welcome to the new Springfield Center for Geriatric Medicine. Health care for the aging is an important priority--

GRAMPA

Get to Matlock! Maaaatlock!

Jasper takes out an old, yellowed handkerchief and BLOWS HIS NOSE for five straight seconds. He puts the handkerchief back in his pocket.

DR. HIBBERT

Well, without further ado, I give you the man who puts young people behind bars -- where they belong -- TV's "Matlock!"

GRAMPA AND JASPER'S P.O.V.

In the distance, we see a frail, HUNCHED-OVER OLD MAN shuffle onto the stage using two canes. The crowd of old people GOES WILD, a la 1964 Beatles fans.

OLD LADIES

(SINGING) We love you, Matlock, oh yes we do...

Some climb onto the stage and grab at his clothes and hair, knocking him over.

INT. SENIOR CITIZENS' MINIBUS - LATER

Grampa is reading a pamphlet and looking gloomy.

JASPER

What's eatin' you, Abe? For three weeks, all you been talkin' bout was meeting Matlock. Now you met him, swiped his pills... (READING BOTTLE)
"Take one every hour to prevent spastic heart convulsions..."

An ambulance ZOOMS past the minibus, sirens BLARING.

JASPER (CONT'D)

... but y'ain't said a word.

GRAMPA

According to this life expectancy chart, I should been dead in 1971.

JASPER

(LOOKING AT PAMPHLET) Y'old fool. That says 1981.

GRAMPA

Oh. (RELIEVED SIGH)

INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY SCENE 2

Grampa stands in the middle of the room, speaking to the family.

GRAMPA

(RECITING) Hello. As you may know, I might not be around much longer, so I've decided to give you your inheritance before I die, that way I can see you enjoy it. Lisa, I know you like reading and... so forth... To you I give my lifetime of personal correspondence.

He hands her a big stack of letters tied with a ribbon. She takes an old telegram off the top and reads it.

LISA

Thanks. (READING) "Mr. Simpson.

Stop. Your constant letters are
becoming a nuisance. Stop. If you do
not cease, I will be forced to pursue
legal action. Stop. Signed, Boris
Karloff, Hollywood, California."

GRAMPA

For Bart, your first step on the road to manhood -- all my pipes and pipe tobaccy.

He gives Bart a pipe rack and a large can of Prince Albert.

GRAMPA

And to my son, Homer...

HOMER

Woo hoo!

GRAMPA

... And his entire family...

HOMER

(ANNOYED GRUNT)

GRAMPA

...I leave these. A box of mintcondition 1918 Liberty-Head silver dollars.

Grampa produces a cigar box full of shiny 1918 silver dollars and puts it on the coffee table.

ANGLE ON GRAMPA

GRAMPA (CONT'D)

Ya see, back in those days, rich men would ride around in zeppelins droppin' coins on people. And one day, I seen J.D. Rockefeller flyin' by, so I run out of the house with a big washtub... Where're you goin'?

Grampa looks up to see the family at the door, putting on their coats. Homer has the box of coins.

HOMER

Dad, we'd love to stay here and listen to your amusing antidotes, but we have to take these coins to the mall and spend them.

GRAMPA

Nobody's going nowhere! I paid good money for this attention.

The family GRUMBLES and sits down.

GRAMPA (CONT'D)

Anyway, about my washtub. I had just used it that morning to wash my turkey, which in those days was known as a "Walking Bird."

INT. SPRINGFIELD MALL - MAIN LEVEL - LATER SCENE 3

The family, including Grampa, walks past a coin shop called "The Ebullient Numismatist," which has a big sign saying "We Buy Rare Coins! Highest Prices for Silver Dollars!"

INT. KIDS TOWN USA - BABY TOY SECTION

Maggie is sitting at a kiddie table, playing with an Etch-A-Sketch. She is spelling out "M-A-G-G-I-E S-I-M-P-S-O..." Just as she's finishing, Homer sets down a big toy on the Etch-A-Sketch, without looking.

HOMER

Look, Maggie! It's Sgt. Thug's

Mountaintop Command Post, complete with

Death-bringer missiles that really

launch!

MARGE

(ANNOYED GRUNT) That toy isn't safe for a baby like Maggie.

HOMER

Ah, come on, Marge, you're way too...

Homer picks up one of the pieces and cuts himself. He gets mad and HITS the Mountain, getting a severe ELECTRIC SHOCK and launching one of the plastic missiles straight into his mouth. We hear a muffled EXPLOSION which puffs out his cheeks.

INT. KIDS TOWN USA - BORING AISLE

Bart walks down a deserted aisle full of dusty toys.

BART

Kites... Wood-burning set... AM Radio
Kit... Oh man, who buys this crap?

MARTIN

Salutations, Bart! -- I've come to purchase a stained-glass making kit, but I'm in a quandary as to which one. (SHOWING THEM) Will it be the Bouquet of Balloons? Chilly Charlie the Penguin?

BART

They all pretty much suck.

MARTIN

(OBLIVIOUS) The Rainbow? Mother Goose?

A skinny CHINESE MAN with glasses walks by.

BART

Uh, there's my Dad. Gotta go. (RUNS AWAY)

INT. KIDS TOWN USA - ANOTHER ANGLE SCENE 4

Grampa is looking at toys on the shelves and talking to no one in particular.

GRAMPA

When I was young, toys were built to last! Look at this junk! It breaks the first time you take it out of the box!

Grampa takes a plastic rocket out of its box and bends it until it breaks.

GRAMPA (CONT'D)

And look at these toy soldiers!

They'll break the second I step on 'em!

(GRUNT) ...Stupid toy soldier...

He lays some toy soldiers on the ground and starts **STOMPING** on them. Two SECURITY GUARDS come up and hustle a confused Grampa out the door.

SECURITY GUARD

All right, come on, pops. Soldiers

won't bother you anymore.

INT. KIDS TOWN USA - ATRIUM

Homer comes upon a giant, lighted piano inlaid on the floor, a la "Big." He inadvertently steps on one of the keys and is pleasantly surprised at the MUSICAL NOTE it plays. He takes a few more tentative steps and begins PLAYING A SONG.

HOMER

(PLAYING) One, two, three o'clock,

four o'clock rock. Five, six, seven

o'clock, eight o'clock rock!..

PEOPLE gather around. Seeing the crowd, Homer starts showing off and running up and down the keys, STEPPING on too many at once, etc.

HOMER (CONT'D)

Rock! Rock, rock! Rockrockrock!

He starts jumping on the keys, then lays down and slithers on them, making a swimming motion. The music is a HORRIBLE CACOPHONY that BLASTS through the mall. We see DOGS and CATS HOWLING inside the pet store.

HOMER (CONT'D)

(BIG FINISH) We're gonna rock, gonna

rock around the clock TO-NIGHHHTTT!

For the last note, he makes a running leap and lands on the keys with a LOUD CRASH. A network of cracks shoots through the shattered keyboard, and we hear EAR-SPLITTING FEEDBACK.

ONLOOKERS

Boo!

HOMER

(YELLING OVER FEEDBACK) Thank you,

thank you very much!

INT. KIDS TOWN USA - DOLL SECTION - LATER

It's an enormous aisle filled with dolls and frenzied LITTLE GIRLS. A sign says "Valley of the Dolls." Lisa and Marge round the corner, and Lisa sees a monolithic display of Malibu Stacy products. She looks at it, awed.

LISA

I'm warning you, Mom -- I may get a
little crazy.

MARGE

I understand, honey. When I was your age there was a...

Lisa has already disappeared into a mob of girls.

LISA (O.S.)

Hey, horse-face! Git yer ugly piehooks off that Summer Fun Set!

ANOTHER ANGLE

Girls are pawing through a bin labelled "Close-Outs." We see "Achy-Breaky" Stacy is \$1.99. We see "Live from the Improv" Stacy is only 89 cents. It's a Stacy making a zany face, holding a microphone, and wearing a T-Shirt with the "Comic Relief" logo.

ANGLE ON LISA

Lisa is looking at "Crackpot Stacy," who is wearing a hat made of foil and holding a sign saying "Ask Me About the Trilateral Commission." A STOCKBOY carries in a big box and starts cutting it open. Little girls crowd around him.

GIRL

Hey, mister, what's in the box?

STOCKBOY

(SQUEAKY TEENAGE VOICE) Um, it's the

new Talking Malibu Stacy.

SHOCKED SILENCE as the girls (including Lisa) look at each other for a beat. Then, they all rush him.

STOCKBOY (CONT'D)

(CRIES OF PAIN) Help!! Mr. Weiss!

INT. SIMPSON CAR - LATER

The kids play with their new toys. We hear a BELL RING in the front seat. MOVE UP to reveal that Homer has a light bulb-powered E-Z Bake-style oven connected to the lighter. He takes a small cupcake out and tries to frost it while he's driving.

MARGE

Hm. I don't know if it's a good idea to do that while you're driving.

HOMER

Marge, that's what I bought it for!

IN THE BACK

Bart is playing with his Sgt. Thug Mountaintop Command Post.

GRAMPA

Watch it, kid! You'll put out my real eye!

Grampa pushes the Sgt. Thug set away, causing one of its missiles to shoot out the window.

LISA

Thanks for buying us these toys, Grampa.

GRAMPA

Bah. Why didn't you get something useful, like storm windows or a nice pipe organ? (BEAT) I'm thirsty! Ew! What smells like mustard? There sure are a lotta ugly people in your neighborhood. Look at that one!

Everyone is getting annoyed by Grampa's complaining. The car pulls into the driveway, and everyone walks quickly into the house to get away from Grampa. He struggles to get out of the back seat.

GRAMPA (CONT'D)

Hello! I can't unbuckle my seat belt!
Hello?

Grampa leans over and KONKS THE HORN repeatedly.

INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - TV ROOM - A FEW MINUTES LATER

Grampa comes in the front door.

GRAMPA

There are too many leaves in your walkway!

We hear two bedroom doors SLAM upstairs, and then we hear the blender TURN ON LOUDLY in the kitchen, drowning Grampa out. He sits down on the couch. A second later, Homer tries to sneak through the room without being noticed, but snags his foot in a telephone cord, pulling the phone off the table with a PROLONGED RINGING CLATTER. Grampa reels around. GRAMPA (CONT'D)

Why are you people avoiding me? Does my withered face remind you of the grim specter of death?

HOMER

Yes. But there's more.

Homer puts his arm around Grampa and sits down on the couch with him.

HOMER (CONT'D)

Dad, I love you, but: you are a weird, sore-headed old crank and nobody likes you.

GRAMPA

Consarn it! (BEAT, THEN SAD) I guess
I am an old crank. But what am I gonna
do about it?

ANGLE ON THE TV

We see the end of a typical soda commercial in which old people become impossibly spry and hip just by drinking soda. They're all dancing around and PLAYING ELECTRIC GUITARS.

HIP OLD MAN

One sip and I'm totally hip! (PARTY HOWL)

FREEZE FRAME. A logo comes up, saying...

BUZZ ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

Buzz. The Totally Revolutionary Cola-Flavored Soft Drink.

ON GRAMPA

He has been watching intently.

GRAMPA

(ALL FIRED UP) Hely smokes, that's it!

From now on, I'm thinkin', actin', and
lookin' young! And I'm gonna start
with a bottle of Buzz Cola!

He grabs a bottle of Buzz from Homer and takes a huge swig.

GRAMPA (CONT'D)

(PANICKED) Ow! The bubbles are burning my tongue! Ow! Eh! Water, water!

INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - LATER

Lisa has made a small cardboard United Nations speaker's podium and is setting up her Malibu Stacies of various ethnicities to be the General Assembly. Bart is playing nearby.

LISA

(DRAMATIC) A hush falls over the General Assembly as Stacy approaches the podium to deliver what will no doubt be a stirring and memorable address. (PULLS STRING)

MALIBU STACY

(DITZY) I wish they taught shopping in school!

Lisa is visibly disappointed. She pulls the string again.

MALIBU STACY (CONT'D)

Let's bake some cookies for the boys!

(TO DOLL) Come on, Stacy. I've waited my whole life to hear you speak. Don't you have anything relevant to say?

(PULLS STRING)

MALIBU STACY

Don't ask me -- I'm just a girl! (DUMB GIGGLE)

BART

Right on! Say it, sister!

LISA

It's not funny, Bart! Millions of girls will grow up thinking this is the right way to act! (BUILDING TO A FURIOUS CRESCENDO) That they can never be anything more than vacuous ninnies whose only goal is to look pretty, land a rich husband, and spend all day on the phone with their equally vacuous friends talking about how damn terrific it is to look pretty and have a rich husband!!

BART

Just what I was gonna say.

Enraged, Lisa hurls the doll out the window.

EXT. STREET - CONTINUOUS

Grampa is riding down the street on a bike, flailing his arms.

GRAMPA

Look at me! I'm actin' young! Woooow!

Malibu Stacy flies into the spokes of the bike, sending Grampa flipping over the handlebars and into a nearby cemetery where he disappears into an open grave.

GRAMPA (O.S.)

Eh. This ain't so bad.

FADE OUT:

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

EXT. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - PLAYGROUND - DAY

BECKY, JANEY and LISA'S OTHER FRIENDS are playing with their Talking Malibu Stacies. Lisa comes up.

MALIBU STACY

Let's buy makeup so the boys will like us!

LISA

(GROANS) Don't you people see anything wrong with what Malibu Stacy says?

GOOFY GIRL

(SAD) Oh, there's something wrong with what my Stacy says. (PULLS STRING)

GOOFY GIRL'S STACY

(DEEP MALE VOICE) My Spidey sense is tingling! (THEN) Anybody call for a web-slinger?

LISA

No, Celeste, I mean the things she says are <u>sexist</u>.

The girls GIGGLE and cover their mouths.

BECKY/JANEY

Ocoh! Lisa said a dirty word!

INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - DINING ROOM - NIGHT

The family is eating dinner. Lisa is brandishing her Talking Malibu Stacy.

They <u>cannot</u> keep making dolls like this! Something has to be done!

The family keeps eating awkwardly. No one knows quite how to respond to Lisa. Finally, Marge puts down her fork.

MARGE

Lisa -- ordinarily, I'd say you should stand up for what you believe in, but you have been doing that an awful lot lately.

BART

Yeah, you made us march in that Gay Rights Parade.

Bart holds up a newspaper with a prominent photo of him marching in the parade under the headline "Local Gays Show Their Pride."

HOMER

(BITTER) And we can't watch Fox 'cause they own those chemical weapons plants in Syria.

LISA

I can't believe you're just going to stand by as your daughters grow up in a world where this, (SHAKES DOLL) this is their role model. MARGE

(A BIT PEEVED) I had a Malibu Stacy when I was little, and I turned out all right. (GETTING UP) Now let's forget our troubles with a big bowl of strawberry ice cream.

Lisa pulls Malibu Stacy's string.

MALIBU STACY

Now let's forget our troubles with a big bowl of strawberry ice cream!

MARGE

(ANNOYED MURMUR)

MALIBU STACY

(ANNOYED MURMUR)

LISA

That's it! I'm calling the company!

INT. KITCHEN - LATER

Lisa picks up the phone and DIALS the number on the doll box.

RECORDED VOICE (V.O.)

Hello. You have reached the Malibu
Stacy Customer Service Center. If you
have a complaint about Malibu Stacy's
appearance or odor, press one. If
you've given Malibu Stacy a haircut and
need to order a replacement head, press
two. For information on our factory
tour, press three...

Mom! We could go on the factory tour and I could complain in person!

MARGE

(WARY) Honey, you're not going to throw red paint at the executives or chain yourself to the fence, are you? The Maybelline people were very angry...

EXT. HUGE INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX - DAY

Marge and Lisa drive through the gate. A sign says:
"Petrochem Petrochemical Corp." A smaller sign reads:
"Proud Makers of Caustic Polypropylene and Malibu Stacy"."

INT. MALIBU STACY FACTORY - VISITORS CENTER - LATER

Marge and Lisa are the only ones there. They are greeted by CLAIRE HARPER, a slick P.R. woman in her early thirties—a female version of Laramie's Jack Larsen.

INT. MALIBU STACY FACTORY - PLANT FLOOR - LATER

Marge and Lisa, wearing pink hardhats, ride around in a golf cart with Ms. Harper.

CLAIRE HARPER

Welcome to Enchantment Lane, where all the parts come together and Malibu Stacy is born! Some folks say there is a little touch of fairy dust in the air.

They drive into a huge, dreary room laced with metal tubes and chutes spewing out doll parts. SEVERAL UGLY MEN smoking cigarettes and wearing hair-nets cram the parts together to make Stacies. One of the chutes starts to clog up.

UGLY MAN

Aw, crap. (YELLING) There's a clog in the torso chute! Leroy, get your ass in gear.

LEROY

Shut yer hole.

Leroy takes a dirty mop and jams it repeatedly into the blocked chute.

INT. MALIBU STACY FACTORY - VISITORS CENTER - LATER

Lisa and Marge watch a promotional film about Malibu Stacy.

ON THE SCREEN

We see cheesy corporate video effects with different Malibu Stacies swirling around the globe. SYNTHESIZER MUSIC plays.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

Malibu Stacy -- America's favorite 8

1/2 Incher!

Home movie footage of a YOUNG HOUSEWIFE sculpting an early Malibu Stacy in her kitchen.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.) (CONT'D)

In 1959, homemaker Stacy Lovell had a design and a dream. The design--Malibu Stacy. The dream--to mass-market a fashion doll that was also edible.

Shots of KIDS eating the doll and frowning.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Kids didn't much like the taste of dried onion meal, but they loved the doll! A second, plastic Malibu Stacy took America by storm. Just ask the owner of the world's largest Malibu Stacy collection—Waylon Smithers of Springfield.

Footage of SMITHERS with his enormous, meticulously-maintained collection of Malibu Stacies.

SMITHERS

(TO CAMERA) Hello, Malibu Stacy collectors! I'll see you at StacyCon'94, at the San Diego Airport Hilton!

DISSOLVE TO:

CLOSE-UP of Malibu Stacy.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

And what does Stacy think of her 35 years of success and millions of friends worldwide?

MALIBU STACY

Don't ask me, I'm just a girl! (DUMB GIGGLE)

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

(CHUCKLES) She sure is!

The tape ends. Claire Harper comes over.

CLAIRE HARPER

Well, that's the tour. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to--

LISA

I have one.

CLAIRE HARPER

Yes?

LISA

Is the remarkably sexist drivel spouted by Malibu Stacy intentional, or is it just a horrible mistake?

CLAIRE HARPER

Believe me, we're very mindful of such concerns.

A man opens the door to an adjacent boardroom. We see it is filled with MIDDLE-AGED MALE EXECUTIVES.

EXECUTIVE

(WOLF WHISTLE) Hey, Jiggles! Grab a pad and back that gorgeous butt in here!

CLAIRE HARPER

(COY) Oh, you, get away... (GIRLISH GIGGLES)

EXECUTIVE

Ah, don't act like you don't like it.

INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY SCENE 10

Grampa and Lisa sit glumly at the kitchen table.

It's awful being a kid. No one listens to you.

GRAMPA

It's rotten being old. No one listens to you.

Homer enters.

HOMER

(CHIPPER) I'm a white male, aged 18-49. Everyone listens to me! No matter how dumb my suggestions are.

He opens a cabinet and takes out a can labelled "Nuts & Gum--Together at Last!" He nods proudly, takes a handful, and walks out.

LISA

Well, I'm not going to accomplish anything just sitting here-

GRAMPA

--And gripin'. It's time for --

LISA

Action! I've got to talk to that woman who invented Malibu Stacy and see if I can get her to --

GRAMPA

-- Come out of retirement! I'm gonna get me a job! A real Malibu! (GETTING CONFUSED) ... And see if Stacy can help invent me young... Help.

You're getting a job.

GRAMPA

Yes! I'm goin' where the action is!

SMASH CUT TO:

INT. SOMEPLACE - DAY

CLOSE-UP of Grampa in some sort of high-tech room, wearing a uniform and a headset.

GRAMPA

Come in! Come in! Mayday! I'm losing your transmission!

PULL BACK to reveal Grampa is working at the drive-thru window of Krustyburger. Carloads of angry CUSTOMERS are piled up outside.

ANGRY CUSTOMER

I said french fries!!

GRAMPA

(TO SOMEONE OFF SCREEN) What the...?

Do we sell (PUZZLED) "french fries?"

INT. APARTMENT COMPLEX - HALLWAY - EVENING

Lisa KNOCKS on an apartment door labelled "W. Smithers." A second later, a casually-dressed Smithers opens the door.

SMITHERS

Yes? Why, it's Homer Simpson's daughter.

LISA

I thought you might be able to help me get in touch with the inventor of Malibu Stacy.

They go into Smithers' apartment.

SMITHERS

Whew! That would be quite a feat.

Stacy Lovell's a total recluse -hasn't appeared in public in 20 years.

Here, I'm writing an article on her for
my next Malibu Stacy Newsletter. It
contains her last known whereabouts.

I'll - uh -print you out a copy.

LISA

Thanks.

Smithers turns on the computer. Suddenly, a computer drawing of Mr. Burns appears on screen.

BURNS

(COMPUTER VOICE) Hello, Smithers.

You're quite good at turning me on.

SMITHERS

Um, you probably should ignore that.

EXT. SPRINGFIELD GABLES STREET - DAY

Lisa rides down the quiet suburban street on her bike, looking at the houses. Nearby, a man waters his lawn next to his mailbox, which reads: "SALINGER." A jacked-up, brightly-colored jeep with the license plate "PYNCHON1" ZOOMS up and TOOTS its horn, which PLAYS "La Cucaracha."

PYNCHON

(TO SALINGER) Hey, Salinger! They're having 2-for-1 Margaritas at El Torito tonight. Ya wanna come?

SALINGER

We went last night.

SALMAN RUSHDIE comes running out of a nearby house.

RUSHDIE

(EXCITED) Hey, guys! Is it time for El Torito?

ANGLE ON LISA

Her attention is caught by an unusual-looking house behind a large, imposing gate.

LISA

No, it couldn't be...

She stops and takes a Malibu Stacy catalog out of her knapsack. A CLOSE-UP reveals that this house looks exactly like Malibu Stacy's Dream House. Lisa parks her bike and goes up to an intercom on the gate. She musters her courage and pushes the button.

LISA (CONT'D)

Excuse me. Miss Lovell? I'd like to talk to you about Malibu Stacy.

OLD WOMAN (V.O.)

(DIGNIFIED VOICE) Do you have any idea how many kids have tried to track me

LISA

Am I the first?

OLD WOMAN (V.O.)

(UNCOMFORTABLE PAUSE) Yes.

LISA

I want you to hear what Malibu Stacy is telling a generation of little girls.

She pulls out the Talking Malibu Stacy and pulls the string.

MALIBU STACY

Thinking too much gives you wrinkles.

After a pregnant pause, the hydraulic gates slowly and SQUEAKILY swing open. Lisa starts to enter. A YOUNG MAN in shorts and a T-shirt also runs in.

YOUNG MAN

All right! I've been waiting nine

years to get my Frisbee back!

He grabs his Frisbee out of a bush and runs back out. The gates close. A moment later we see the Frisbee fly over the wall, back into the yard.

MAN (0.S.)

(GROANING) Ohhhhh...

FADE OUT:

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

INT. STACY LOVELL'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY SCENE 12

STACY LOVELL is an attractive older woman with a polished demeanor, a la Lauren Bacall. She sits with a cocktail, examining the Talking Malibu Stacy with a look of concern.

MALIBU STACY

My name is Stacy, but you can call me (WOLF WHISTLE).

STACY LOVELL

I see exactly what you mean. This is a problem. But what do you expect me to do?

LISA

Change what she says. It's your company.

STACY LOVELL

Not since I was forced out in 1974.

They said my way of thinking just
wasn't cost effective.

LISA

That's awful!

STACY LOVELL

Well, that, and I was funneling profits to the Viet Cong.

But you are Malibu Stacy, and as long as she has your name, you have a responsibility. I'd be mortified if someone ever made a lousy product with the Simpson name on it.

STACY LOVELL

I may have had things in common with Stacy in the beginning, but thirty years of living her lifestyle taught me some very harsh lessons. Five husbands...

She points to photos of her five husbands on the mantel. They resemble various famous male dolls.

STACY LOVELL (CONT'D)

Ken, Johnny, Joe, Dr. Colossus, Steve Austin...

LISA

But if you can learn from Malibu

Stacy's mistakes, so can everyone. I'm

sure we can think of something

together. C'mon!

STACY LOVELL

Eh. Not now, I'm too drunk.

LISA

No you're not! (TAKES A SECOND LOOK)

I'll come back tomorrow.

INT. KRUSTYBURGER - DAY

SCENE 13

The Dorky Teenage Manager talks to Grampa and a SULLEN YOUNG EMPLOYEE.

MANAGER

(SQUEAKY TEENAGE VOICE) We need more secret sauce. Put this mayonnaise in the sun.

He points to several big gallon jugs of mayonnaise and exits.

GRAMPA

(FRISKY) Hey! Now that old man
Peterson's off our backs, let's have
some fun!

Grampa turns his back for a moment, then turns back around with a hamburger bun with his dentures in the middle. He operates it like a puppet.

GRAMPA

Ever see a sandwich that could take a bite out of you?

The oblivious sullen young employee mechanically takes the burger, wraps it up, and hands it through the drivethru window to a waiting CUSTOMER who drives away.

GRAMPA (CONT'D)

(LOW GROAN)

INT. STACY LOVELL'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - THE NEXT DAY

Lisa takes a drawing out of her knapsack and shows it to Stacy.

I've got the solution -- you and I are going to make our own talking doll.

She'll have the wisdom of Jeanne

Kirkpatrick and the wit of Cathy

Guisewite, the tenacity of Nina

Totenberg and the common sense of

Elizabeth Cady Stanton. And to top it off, the down-to-earth good looks of

Eleanor Roosevelt!

STACY LOVELL

(THINKS, THEN SUDDENLY MANIC) Alright, we'll make your doll!

There is a loud knock at the front door, and Stacy opens it to reveal GI JOE standing there.

GI JOE

Stacy, please, I must have you back.

Just come for a ride with me in my
mobile command unit.

He grabs her arm.

STACY LOVELL

Joe, I told you. It's over. Release me from your kung fu grip.

GI JOE

Fine. I'll bomb your house into the ground, missy.

He walks off stiffly.

MONTAGE of the making of the doll.

1) INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY SCENE 14

The family watches as Stacy Lovell sits at the table carving a clay model of the doll with sculptor's tools. Lisa takes Marge's measurements.

MARGE

I'm very flattered to be the model for your doll. I wonder if this is how Cheryl Tiegs got started. (GIGGLES)

BART

Mom, we like your joke, but please stop saying it over and over.

LISA

Make sure you get my Mom's hair just right.

STACY LOVELL

Um, I think we'll use someone different for the hair.

LISA

(POINTING TO HER HAIR) How about me?

STACY LOVELL

(HESTITANT NOISE) There's something not quite...

BART

How about me?

STACY LOVELL

(HESITANT NOISE)

HOMER

How about me?

STACY LOVELL

You all have hideous hair! (COVERING)

I mean from a design point of view.

2) INT. RECORDING STUDIO

Lisa stands in a sound booth, recording sayings for her talking doll from a book of quotations. Stacy Lovell and a very bored TECHNICIAN sit in the control room.

LISA

(GRANDLY) "... mais seulement pour les coeurs des femmes." Let me try that again.

TECHNICIAN

(INTO INTERCOM) Uh, look, little girl, we got a lot of other dollies to record today. Okay?

KRUSTY struts into the sound booth, wearing shorts, polo shirt, and baseball cap and smoking a cigar. Ignoring Lisa, he grabs the microphone.

KRUSTY

Alright you poindexters, let's get this right. (READING FROM CARD, VERY QUICK)
OneHeyheykidsI'mTalkingKrusty!
TwoHeyheyherecomesSlideshowMel- againherecomesSideshowMel, SideshowMel.
Three: (KRUSTY LAUGH)! (BEAT)
Baddabing, baddaboom, I am done. (TO
LISA) Learn from the professional,
kid.

Krusty walks out, and we hear his car SCREECH OFF.

ANGLE ON CONTROL ROOM

The technician turns around from putting a tape on the recorder.

TECHNICIAN

(INTO INTERCOM) Okay, Krusty, we are ready to roll any... What the --

3) INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - KITCHEN - NIGHT SCENE 15

We hear "Tucker"-style MUSIC as the family and Stacy Lovell work in a little production line. Marge takes freshly baked dolls out of the oven. Lisa, wearing a welder's mask, pours steaming liquid plastic into doll molds.

LISA

(SURVEYING THE SCENE) Wow! This is just how the Malibu Stacy corporation got started.

STACY LOVELL

Actually, it started with a million dollar loan from a Dutch venture capital group. (BEAT) But this way is good, too.

Lisa finishes filling the molds.

4) INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

The family and Stacy admire a platoon of completed dolls. Lisa smiles and pulls one of the doll's strings.

DOLL

(LISA'S VOICE) Trust in yourself and you can achieve anything.

LISA

All right! Now all we need is a name.

BART

How about "Blabbermouth -- The Jerky
Doll for Jerks?"

LISA

(IGNORING BART) How about "Minerva," after the Roman goddess of wisdom?

STACY LOVELL

Hmm, not enough commercial appeal.

BART

"Wendy Windbag"? "Ugly Doris"?

"Hortense: The Mule-faced Doll"?

STACY LOVELL

I think we should name her after Lisa. We'll call her "Lisa Lionheart."

BART

No! "Loudmouth Lisa!"

Everyone is ignoring Bart.

BART (CONT'D)

"Stupid Lisa Garbageface!" (BEAT) I can't stand this any longer! Somebody please pay attention to me!

Bart starts charging through the house SCREAMING and kicking things in a hyperactive frenzy.

BART (CONT'D)

Hello! Look at me! I'm Bart! I'm Bart! Look at me! etc.

5) INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - KITCHEN - THE NEXT DAY

Everyone is loading the completed, packaged dolls into boxes. Bart stands by, shuffling his feet.

BART

I feel like a big sissy, but I'll help
-Okay? (NO RESPONSE) Look at me, I'm
helping, I'm helping! Look at me!

EXT. SIMPSON HOUSE - DRIVEWAY - CONTINUOUS

Bart walks out carrying a big box marked "DOLLS." Just that minute, a tour bus drives by with a banner saying "Muntz Family Reunion." NELSON and his ENTIRE FAMILY see Bart carrying the box of dolls.

NELSON'S ENTIRE FAMILY

(AS ONE) Haw haw!

INT. KRUSTYBURGER - MANAGER'S OFFICE - DAY SCENE 16

Grampa sits as the DORKY TEENAGE MANAGER reads out of a binder labelled "Disciplinary Procedures."

MANAGER

(SQUEAKY TEENAGE VOICE, UNEASY) Abe, your job performance has been substandard and I am placing you on probation until further notice.

GRAMPA

Wha-at?! You can't talk to me like that. I'm going to call your mother!

MANAGER

(PANICKED) No! No! You're doing fine. Seriously, don't call her, okay? Okay, dude?

INT. KIDS TOWN USA - DOLL SECTION - DAY

Stacy Lovell, Lisa and Homer stand by proudly as a stockboy sets up a display of the Lisa Lionheart doll.

LISA

This is great! They're really gonna sell our doll.

STACY LOVELL

Well, it wasn't difficult. I told them who I was, and who you were, and they couldn't resist.

LISA

Really?

STACY LOVELL

Well, I didn't tell them who you were.

The stockboy finishes with the display and turns toward Homer.

STOCKBOY

Hey, aren't you the dude who wrecked our giant piano?

HOMER

(SCREAM)

Homer runs and hides inside a large doll house. A second later, he peers furtively out the window.

INT. MALIBU STACY FACTORY - BOARDROOM - THAT NIGHT

The GRIM C.E.O. of the toy company stands before the EXECUTIVES. Projected on a wall behind him is a surveillance photo of Stacy Lovell and Lisa at the Lisa Lionheart display.

GRIM C.E.O.

Gentlemen, we've got to sink this doll,

fast. It's time to call in a favor

from Washington.

ESTABLISHING SHOT - U.S. CAPITOL - NIGHT

INT. SENATOR'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

A CORRUPT-LOOKING SENATOR, a la the one in "Godfather II," listens grimly on the phone.

SENATOR

Yes... Yes... I understand... I'll take

care of it personally.

EXT. SIMPSON HOUSE - STREET - NIGHT

A sinister-looking limousine cruises down the street. Its rear window rolls down, the Senator leans out, and hurls a rock at the Simpson house. It hits the side of the house with a THUD.

SENATOR

(SELF-SATISFIED EVIL LAUGH)

The limousine PEELS OFF.

LISA (0.S.)

Dad, did you hear something?

HOMER (O.S.)

I'unno.

INT. KENT BROCKMAN'S HOUSE - DEN - NIGHT

KENT BROCKMAN is working at his old roll-top desk, typing a newscast on his manual typewriter. His sleeves are rolled up and he's smoking -- he looks very reporterly. His SEVEN-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER comes up, carrying a Lisa Lionheart doll.

BROCKMAN'S DAUGHTER

Dad, my new doll's much better than

Malibu Stacy. Do a newscast about her!

KENT BROCKMAN

(CHUCKLE) Please, honey, Daddy's job is to bring people important news.

Right now I'm very busy preparing a report about the fortieth anniversary of Beetle Bailey.

BROCKMAN'S DAUGHTER

Oh, Daddy, that's boring! Talk about the dolly!

KENT BROCKMAN

(THINKS) Well... You were right about the Berlin Wall.

He yanks his newscast out of the typewriter and tosses it it into the trash.

INT. SIMPSON HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - THE NEXT NIGHT
The family watches the newscast.

ON TV

Kent Brockman is winding up. Behind him is a mortise of Lisa's doll with the caption "New Doll."

KENT BROCKMAN

Though it was unusual to spend 28 minutes reporting on a doll, this reporter found it impossible to stop talking. It's just really fascinating news, folks. Goodnight.

The credits roll and we hear the CLOSING NEWS THEME. Brockman looks casually at his papers.

KENT BROCKMAN (CONT'D)

Oh. And the President was found naked, hiding in the top of the Washington Monument. More on that tomorrow after part six of my interview with Yahoo Serious.

INT. SOMEWHERE - NIGHT

CLOSE-UP of the news ending onscreen. A hand reaches in and switches off a VCR, and the screen goes black. PULL BACK TO REVEAL that we are in the boardroom of the Malibu Stacy factory, where the executives have been watching a tape of the newcast.

GRIM C.E.O.

Our one effort to put a stop to this thing has failed miserably. Gentlemen, we have to change Malibu Stacy. We'll stay here all night if need be.

EXECUTIVE

Can we order Chinese food?

GRIM C.E.O.

Yes.

EXECUTIVES

(PLEASED MURMURS)

INT. KRUSTYBURGER - NEXT MORNING

SCENE 18

Grampa is working at the counter. Jasper and some other old people are obviously exasperating Grampa.

JASPER

I cut my tongue on these pancakes.

OLD LADY CUSTOMER

These eggs are difficult to digest. I want soft-boiled eggs.

GRAMPA

I told you we don't have soft boiled eggs. If you -- (THINKING) ... By gum, you're right, we should have 'em! I shouldn't be listening to complaints, I should be makin' 'em with you guys.

The good Lord lets us grow old for a reason: To gain the wisdom to find fault with everything he's made! My place is on the other side of this counter, and here I come!

Grampa starts to leap over the counter.

CUT TO:

ANOTHER ANGLE

A badly matched STUNT DOUBLE dressed in Grampa's clothes leaps over the counter.

ANOTHER ANGLE

SCENE 18

Bad match cut to the real Grampa landing.

GRAMPA

I did it! I feel so happy I could break dance. (BEAT) Ooh! Wee! Ha!

Grampa dives to the floor.

CUT TO:

The same badly matched stunt double break dancing.

CUT TO:

A tight shot of the real Grampa's face LAUGHING and WHOOPING it up.

EXT. KIDS TOWN USA - MALL MAIN LEVEL - MORNING

Homer, Marge, Lisa and Stacy Lovell look on as a crazed mob of PARENTS AND CHILDREN crowd around the entrance, waiting for the store to open.

ANGLE FROM INSIDE THE STORE

PAN along the crowd BANGING on the big glass doors.

GIRLS

I want Lisa Lionheart! / I want the doll from TV! / Someone's stepping on me! / I wannit! I wannit! I wannit!

SMITHERS

I wannit! I wannit! Me!
Me! Me!

Suddenly, the doors slide open and the mob BURSTS into the store.

INT. KIDS TOWN USA - DOLL SECTION - CONTINUOUS

Everyone dashes wildly towards the Lisa Lionheart display. Just as they're about to reach it, a stockboy wheels a cart directly into their path; it's loaded with crates labelled "New! Malibu Stacy Plus." The stockboy starts unpacking them.

GIRL #1

Oh, my god, they changed Malibu Stacy!

GIRL #2

(GASP) Look, she's got a hat! She's better than ever!

We see Malibu Stacy Plus is just a regular Malibu Stacy wearing a floppy felt hat with a flower on the front. Lisa runs to the front of the crowd.

LISA

Wait! Don't be fooled! She's just a regular Malibu Stacy with a stupid cheap hat! She still embodies all the awful stereotypes she did before.

Smithers sticks his head out from the rear of the crowd.

SMITHERS

(POINTING) But she's got a new hat.

GIRLS

(BEAT, THEN) I wannit! I wannit! /
New hat! / etc.

Everyone starts RIPPING open crates and grabbing Malibu Stacy Pluses.

INT. KIDS TOWN USA - DOLL SECTION - LATER SCENE 19

Lisa, Homer, Marge and Stacy Lovell stand dejectedly around the doll aisle. The Malibu Stacy displays have been picked almost clean, but the Lisa Lionheart display sits completely untouched.

LISA

Well, I guess you can't beat big business. There's just no room for the little guy.

HOMER

Well, we little guys still have a few tricks up our sleeves.

Homer takes a Malibu Stacy, opens the box, and spits inside. Lisa manages a weak smile and they start to walk away. Suddenly...

DOLL (O.S.)

(LISA'S VOICE) Trust in yourself and you can achieve anything.

They wheel around to see a little girl holding a Lisa Lionheart doll. The little girl smiles.

LISA

(TOUCHED) You know, if we get through to just that one little girl, it will all be worth it.

STACY LOVELL

(LOW) Yes. Particularly if that little girl happens to pay \$46,000 for that doll.

LISA

What?

STACY LOVELL

Oh, nothing. Kudos to you, Lisa!

INT. KIDS TOWN USA - ATRIUM - A MINUTE LATER

The family and Stacy Lovell are walking out. Lisa looks much happier. Homer sees something.

HOMER

(EXCITED GASP) Marge, Lisa, Lady -- If you'll excuse me, I've got something very important to attend to.

Homer dashes over to the newly-repaired giant piano and begins JUMPING AROUND on it. SEVERAL ALARMED CLERKS run up and try to pull him off. Despite their efforts, he manages to stomp out the SIMPSONS CLOSING THEME. On the last note, it BREAKS.

THE END